

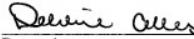
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
EOFF ET AL. § Group Art Unit: 1796
Serial No.: **10/806,894** § Confirmation No.: 2392
Filed: **MARCH 23, 2004** § Examiner: **FIGUEROA, JOHN J.**
Title: **"PERMEABILITY MODIFYING**
DRILLING FLUIDS AND METHODS OF
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before: (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 28, 2007 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- **Listing of the Claims**, which begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 8 of this paper.